



The InLook

The United Methodist Church
of Red Bank

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Sunday, December 11, 2016



*The United Methodist Church of
Red Bank is open for ALL
to CONNECT with God and others,
to GROW in our faith,
and to SERVE in love.*

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday school - 2-year olds through 6th grade during the 10:30 am worship service.
7th/8th grade confirmation class and high school Sunday school meets from 9:30-10:20 am
Adult Education – Sunday mornings at 9:30 am or Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Lounge
Bible Study - Thursdays at 11 am in room 107

DON'T FORGET!! – STEWARDSHIP 2017

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that our average pledged amount for 2017 is currently coming in slightly higher than last year! Please prayerfully consider your 2017 financial commitment to our church's ministry and take a few moments to return your pledge card. You can drop it in the offering plate or return it to Sheila in the church office. Your financial contribution is important to our sustained ministry and so deeply appreciated.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us **TONIGHT, Sunday, December 11th at 7 pm** for a spirit-filled evening to center your heart on the season with the glorious music of Christmas!

ADVENT OPTIONS

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Give the gift of food, clean water or child care. On **December 11 and 18**, the Outreach Committee's **Advent Options** will be available in Fellowship Hall. Purchase gifts from Heifer International, Monmouth Day Care Center, or UMCOR's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) program. Help the world and bring a smile to friends and family.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING THROUGH RED BANK

Join us **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm** to spread the Christmas cheer through downtown Red Bank. We'll gather in room 114 to organize and distribute carol books, join up with our Mustard Seeds and Club 77 carolers, and then walk into town together. Young adults will have hot chocolate ready for us when we return.

ADVENT SMALL GROUP GATHERING

You are invited to participate in an Advent season small group gathering lead by Pastor Jess called **Praying in Color**. Join us on Thursday evenings in December at 7 pm in the library (December 15, and 22), for a time to quiet your heart and mind, centering your thoughts and prayers on the true meaning of Christmas. We will work together to color 4 large (2X3 foot) posters to decorate the church for Christmas.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Congratulations to Linda Babler, our UMW Women of the Year for 2016! Linda was presented the award at the December general meeting.

Snowmen for Camden Neighborhood Center continues between both services through December 18th. Purchase a snowman for the children of Camden - all funds go directly to the Center to help them with their expenses for the children during the Christmas Session.

Craft Group will meet on Tuesday, December 13th for the last time this year. They will be making some more of their Christmas Cards. If you would like to come out, bring a light lunch and join them at 11 am until 2 pm. Come even for a short time. Good fellowship, good fun and doing a great job for mission.

Beautiful Christmas cards and wine bags are available for purchase in Fellowship Hall on Sundays December 11 and 18. **Candy Sale: limited quantities** will be available on Sunday, December 18 after both services. If you purchased candy at the Bazaar, here is the time to get some refills, and if you missed the wonderful confectionaries, they make great stocking stuffers!

HELPING HANDS

Need help? The **Men's Fellowship** offers help to those in need - a ride to the doctor, or the pharmacy, assistance with light jobs around the house, or simply an extra hand. Just call Helping Hands representatives Ken Glossbrenner, 732-915-7884, Jim Mellon, 732-647-5744, or any church staff member. We might not be able to do it all, but we will do everything we can to assist.

WELCOME VISITORS

Our church strives to carry out the Methodist spirit of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" in everything we do. We hope you witness this as you worship with us today. As you visit with us please take a **Visitor Bag** located in the back, by the front doors of the Church. Also, please take time to meet with our Senior Pastor Jessica Naulty, and join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall directly after church. Thank you for visiting our church; we hope your visit was filled with the love of God and fellowship. Please come back soon!

Helpful information – please ask an usher for more information:

- Hearing assistance devices are available.
- Childcare is available in our nursery.
- Bathrooms are located just outside the Sanctuary and the Chapel.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK DECEMBER 11-17, 2016

Sunday, December 11

Worship Service

8:30 am Worship in the Chapel

10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 am Education Hour

11:30 am Coffee Hour (FH)

11:50 am Children's Choir

Monday, December 12

10:30-11:30 am AA "Here and Now" (114)

1-2 pm UMW Mission Team 107

7:30 pm Membership (Lib)

Tuesday, December 13

11 am-2 pm UMW Craft (107)

12-1 pm AA (B2, B3)

5-8 pm Meyers Counseling (UR)

6:30-7:30 pm Al-Anon (114) (FH)

6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Group (211)

7-10 pm Folk Dancers (FH)

7:30 pm Trustees (L)

Wednesday, December 14

10-11:30 am "Growing Older Gracefully" (L)

1-2:30 pm AA Women (114, B4)

5 pm Wesley Singers

6 pm UMY

6:30 pm Church Caroling (FH)

7pm Adult Ed (L)

8 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 15

11 am Bible Study (208)

12-1 pm AA Women (B2, B3)

6-8 pm IDRC (B2, B3)

6:30-8:30 pm Meyers Counseling (UR)

7-8 pm AA (B4)

7-9 pm NA (114)

7:30 pm "Praying in Color" (107)

8:30-9:30 pm AA Mixed (B5)

Friday, December 16

9 am-12 pm Meyers Counseling (L)

6:30-9:30 pm AA (114)

Saturday, December 17

9:30-11 am OA (114)

10 am Church Holiday Decorating

10 am Prayer Shawl Group (L)

REMINDER - Please contact Sheila with your meeting and event dates. This includes all committees and fellowship groups. Notices for *The InLook* should be submitted by Tuesday. Please keep notices brief. Send to sleavitt@umcredbank.org.

REMINDER – *If you know someone is in the hospital or needs a pastoral care visit, please call the office and let us know. Thank you for helping us care for all our members!*

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GET INVOLVED

SERVE THE COMMUNITY:

Lunch Break - food pantry donations and regular opportunities to be involved with hands on serving.

The Backpack Crew - Food collection box and a list of needed items are near the church office.

Family Promise - program that helps homeless families by providing shelter, meals and assistance as they seek permanent housing.

ASSIST ON SUNDAYS:

We welcome those who would like to assist the worship team on Sundays by ushering, greeting, running our sound, and assisting the pastor during worship services.

Sponsor a Coffee Hour. Information about hosting is near the coffee in Fellowship Hall!

LEARN:

Join a Sunday School class available for all ages.

Adult Classes are also held on Wednesdays at 7pm

SUPPORT OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY:

Make a pledge to the church.

Purchase grocery cards and gift cards in the FH.

JOIN: Become a member of the congregation.

Visit us at www.umcredbank.org or find us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UMCRedBank>.

WORSHIP NOTES

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit" begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

IN OUR PRAYERS

All those affected by natural and human-made disasters, economic conditions, famine, civil war and genocide, those serving our country, shut-ins, all who are sick in body and spirit, those struggling with illness and substance abuse. Pray for the UMC in Tanzania, Barbara Smith, Betty Hansen, Tom Sutton, Eudora Walker, John Murphy, MaryEtta Moffler, Lillian Poling, Margie Post, Donna Applegate, Tonie Malone, Phoebe Gartside, Lindsay Bready, Ben and Karlie Kisylia, Earl and Dorothy Harris, Bob Rademaker, Althea Pleasants, for those who have experienced loss of a loved one, and for strength and healing for all in the world who need it and for compassion and understanding in our relationships.

Name Tags

We ask **all members and regular visitors** to please **wear nametags on Sunday mornings**. Name tags are located in a rack at the rear entrance to Church and also in the Narthex. Leave them where it is most convenient for you. New name tags can be provided by David Henritzky or George Schildge. Thank you for your co-operation!